

Hawaii Marine



Maj. Alan Crouch | Hawaii Marine

Retired Sgt. Maj. Bob Porter stands up to be recognized as a veteran of World War II during the historical uniform pageant celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Nov. 9, 2011. Porter was the first sergeant major of Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe, Hawaii, in 1952.

Family, friends remember Marine's life

Cpl. Sarah Dietz

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

KANEOHE, Hawaii — Robert Porter ducked behind his school with a friend to sneak a smoke in between classes. He threw the evidence into a nearby field — causing the hay to ignite. He owned up to his mistake and worked an entire summer to repay his debt to the farmer.

That was the kind of man the retired sergeant major was — one who valued honesty, honor and integrity.

“One thing he beat into us was that your word is your name,” said Porter’s son David, 59, a retired Navy commander.

Porter passed away July 28 at Tripler Army Medical Center at the age of 88. His funeral ceremony was held at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, Hawaii, Aug. 2. Porter was the first sergeant major of Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Porter, born March 5, 1925, in Hornell, N.Y., joined the Marine Corps as soon as he could. He served in World War II, Korea and two tours to Vietnam.

Porter was a country boy. He attended a one-room schoolhouse and woke up extra early to light the fire for the school’s heater.

At that time, joining the military seemed to be the only way out of his small hometown. He use to joke with his grandchildren about being too poor to ride a horse to school, so he rode a cow.

Porter served more than 30 years in the Marine Corps,

witnessing armies and countries rise and fall, nations and people shatter and rebuild before his eyes, but he rarely spoke about it.

“He never told any war stories, you will find that most professional soldiers don’t do that,” David said. “There was no vibrato, he never bragged about it — professional soldier.”

The trials he experienced in life developed his character. Although he rarely spoke of early struggles, he shared wisdom with anyone who cared to listen.

“Grandpa was a leader, he set the tone as who you are supposed to be as a man. Not necessarily military but what

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Courtesy photo

Robert Porter, (center) stands with a few comarades early on in his Marine Corps career.

Battaglia visits MCB Hawaii

Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii gathered at the base theater for a question and answer session with Sgt. Maj. Bryan B. Battaglia, Monday. Battaglia is the senior enlisted adviser to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Battaglia was welcomed by a full house, filled with service members of all branches. He spoke about current events for half an hour before opening the floor to questions.

Amongst the various issues brought up, the most talked about topic concerned uniforms.

The first sergeant of Service Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Sgt. William Banks, asked whether the armed forces will adopted a universal uniform.

He asked “Are we in fear our forces are going to lose our cultural identity with the addition of a universal uniform?”

Battaglia responded saying, on the battlefield U.S. forces look like an “American Baskin Robbins,” meaning the uniforms are cluttered and confuses allies working together with them.

“The idea is to find a universal uniform for the battlefield, whereas branch garrison uniforms will most likely remain the same,” Battaglia confirmed. “Talks concerning a distinct universal uniform are currently a work in progress.”

Another topic the sergeant major tackled was discussing the nation’s goal to shape the armed forces into a smaller, stronger, cohesive military unit by the year 2020.

Battaglia explained how everyone currently active within the armed forces, as well as future enlistees, will play a role in the coming changes as problems concerning manpower and staff surface.

“We’re going to find that we don’t have the funds to do things we’ve always done in the past, but we’ll adapt to the changes just like we’re used to,” Battaglia said. “Everyone in this room is a bona fide member of the armed forces.”

Before concluding the session, the sergeant major spoke briefly on the topic of cyber technology and how it

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MAG-24 builds on expeditionary roots, refines expeditionary mindset

Cpl. William J. Jackson

Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms

MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — As the Marine Corps moves closer to its expeditionary roots, Marine Aircraft Group 24 is imparting this mentality on their current combat-level deployment training aboard the combat center.

MAG-24, based out of Marine Corps Base Hawaii, is the Aviation Combat Element for the ongoing Integrated Training Exercise 5-13.

MAG-24’s ITX training provides an opportunity for the ACE to continuously cultivate their expeditionary readiness and mindset for any mission the Marine Corps gives them.

“It’s good training for us as a support element,” said 1st Lt. Joseph Forbes, aviation supply officer, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24. “We won’t always be in an environment with well-established power and communications infrastructure. This exercise allows us to train in imperfect conditions.”

The ACE, made up of 16 different units, is an integral part of the ground combat element’s overall deployment training. They are also coordinating with Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One and the Tactical Training Exercise Control Group.

“ITX provides an opportunity for MAG-24 to refine (tactics, techniques, and procedures) in preparation for the aviation plan-directed growth of the MAG and for possible operational deployment of the MAG and MAG-24’s likely role in future crisis response scenarios,” said Col. Paul A. Fortunato, commanding officer, MAG-24. “As MAG-24 continues to grow in accordance with the Marine Corps aviation plan, ITX presents an initial, but significant, opportunity to build capabilities and identify and solve gaps and shortfalls as MAG-24 stands



Lance Cpl. Alejandro Bedoya | Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Marines with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 conducted a Tactical Recovery of Aircraft and Personnel mission at the Combat Center’s Lavic Lake Training Area, July 30. Marine Aircraft Group 24 is the Aviation Combat Element for the ongoing Integrated Training Exercise 5-13.

ready to provide composite and integrated capabilities not seen before in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Even as MAG-24 is undergoes the biggest transition in its history, we are constantly striving to ensure that our MAG is

ready for today’s fight with today’s MAG today — ITX is providing us the perfect opportunity to do just that.”

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Flag, you’re it!
101 Days of Summer flag football teams compete for title, **B-1**



Vroooooom!
‘Island Warriors’ ride to learn with Honolulu Police Department, **C-1**

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High 84°
Low 74°

Sunday
High 84°
Low 74°

NEWS BRIEFS

Limited services at Naval Health Clinic Hawaii Aug. 16

All Naval Health Clinic Hawaii health care will be closed starting at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 16. This includes all medical and dental facilities at Branch Health Clinics Makalapa, Camp H.M. Smith, Wahiawa, Kaneohe Bay and Shipyard medical and dental services will be provided from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Beneficiaries are asked to take this into consideration when scheduling care. All routine care should be planned prior to or after Aug. 16. This includes appointment scheduling, prescription refills, laboratory draws, etc.

All clinics will re-open for regular business hours on Monday, August 19. For NHCH hours of operation, visit <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhch>.

Beneficiaries can speak to a healthcare provider at anytime the clinics are closed by calling the “Provider After-Hours Advice Line” at 473-0247, ext. 3. For emergencies, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center. For active duty dental emergencies, dial 864-4705.

Finance Office relocated

The Finance Office is temporary relocating, due to renovations on its main office. Finance personnel will continue to provide services. However all business will be conducted in Room 74 of building 216. All business through Defense Travel Management Systems will continue as usual. This relocation will continue through the rest of the month.

Personnel will return to its regular work space around the middle of September. All phone numbers will remain the same. For more information, call Master Sgt. Herman Nickson, the base finance chief at 257-7751.

Marine Corps Embassy Security Group to visit

The Marine Corps Embassy Security Group will conduct a visit to Marine Corps Base Hawaii Aug. 16, to screen Marines for assignment to MSG duty.

Marines must have a signed and completed commanding officer’s screening checklist (Phase One and financial worksheet) and report in the service dress “C” uniform. Marines solely desiring information may attend the brief in the uniform of the day without a checklist, but will not be screened.

The briefs will take place at the base theater from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Screenings/interviews are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. in Combat Camera Classroom 5. Call your individual unit career planner with inquiries.

Heroes and Healthy Families offering retreat

Heroes and Healthy Families is offering a free relationship enhancement retreat for couples on Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fairways Ballroom of Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course. Free childcare is provided (childcare registrations accepted until Aug. 21). Space is limited so register at <http://www.HeroesandHealthyFamilies.org>. For more information, call Kathy McCarrell at 714-654-7220 or Florence Yamashita at 257-7776.

Lawrence Road to close for repaving

Repaving of Lawrence Road between Mokapu Road and McClennan Drive will start on Monday, Aug. 26. The project is scheduled for three weeks weather permitting. Working hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Warning and vehicle message boards will be posted one week in advance of work and during the duration of work. The new traffic plan will be posted in the Hawaii Marine as the start date approaches. For more information, call 257-1159 or 257-5841.

Important phone numbers

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Child Protective Service	832-5300
Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO	257-8852
Base information	449-7110
MCB Hawaii Chaplain	257-3552
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Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine

Marines attending the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy on Marine Corps Base Hawaii practice sword manual at Dewey Square during Corporals Course, July 31.

Corporals receive options for PME completion

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Corporals must complete a Corporals Course in order to get promoted beginning Oct. 1. There are two ways to complete the course; resident or nonresident. If a Marine attends a resident course, they will have to physically go to a classroom with instructors and attend the class. A nonresident course can be done at anytime and anywhere with Internet. More specifically, the nonresident course is on Marine Net for those who don’t want to attend a resident course.

Each unit has the ability to host a resident Corporals Course for Marines in their units. There is also a nonresident distant education program Corporals Course that can be found on the www.marinenet.usmc.mil website. The Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy offers a resident course which is open to all Marines on the installation.

“Command-sponsored Corporals Course is good for Marines in the same unit and who work together because they are encouraged to discuss and fix problems in their units,” said Gunnery Sgt. William Eddy, the staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy. “When Marines come to the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy they have a chance to communicate with Marines from units all over base. This gives them an opportunity to talk about their experiences and share what they have learned from their time in the Marine Corps.”

The course offered by the academy consists of 16 training days. The cycle consists of physical training and classes on leadership, Marine Corps knowledge and skills needed to further a career within the organization. The academy breaks away from the traditional PowerPoint by encouraging students to break

into small or large groups to discuss how they can apply what they have learned into their daily Marine Corps lives.

“A benefit of attending the academy is the personnel experience Marines gain through the instructors and other Marines in the course,” said 1st Sgt. Jesus Deniz, director of the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy. “We highly encourage Marines to attend their residential courses. Send the Marines our way, we are here to educate all Marines. It’s important that every Marine has the opportunity to go through a high quality Corporals Course.”

The course also has comprehensive exams to establish an assurance that Marines understand what is being taught. Sword manual and guide on drill is just one example of something every Marine should know, but may not always perform every day. The academy provides hands-on experience and mentorship the online course cannot provide.

Eddy said there are advantages to both nonresident and the resident courses. If a Marine doesn’t have the time to attend a resident course, the nonresident is there so they can complete it at any time. If a Marine does decide to choose the nonresident just because its more convenient, they are missing an opportunity to take their education to the next level. Marines will take much more away from attending a resident course.

Attending the academy is also a good way to network and meet peers from around the base. The next Corporals Course at the Staff Noncommissioned Academy starts Sept. 17.

All corporals are required to complete either a command sponsored Corporals Course or a Distant Education Program Corporals Course by Oct. 1 for promotion to sergeant per the Marine Administrative Message 314/12 and 391/07.

‘LAVA DOGS’ WELCOME NEW COMMANDER



Cpl. Matthew Callahan | Hawaii Marine

Lt. Col. Christopher Medlin (left) prepares to takes command of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, by receiving the Marine Corps Flag from Lt. Col. Christopher O’Connor during a change of command ceremony held at Dewey Square, Thursday. O’Connor is scheduled to move to a position within 3rd Marine Regiment.

‘ISLAND WARRIORS’ RECEIVE NEW SERGEANT MAJOR



Cpl. Matthew Callahan | Hawaii Marine

Sergeants Maj. Steven Collier (left) and Scott Stutler (right) salute colors during pass in review for 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment’s Post and Relief Ceremony at Dewey Square, Thursday. During the ceremony, Sgt Maj. Stutler took the duties and responsibilities of battalion sergeant major from Collier. Collier is scheduled to report to Headquarters Battalion, later this month. “Sgt. Maj. Collier was always leading from the front,” said Lt. Col. James Conway, commanding Officer, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines. “This man is gonna be in front of his Marines no matter what, whether it’s doing night attacks up a snow covered mountain, living in a snow cave, or riding on those white rocket skis they gave us,” Conway said of Collier during mountain training. “He’s been an inspirational leader, provided sound guidance to all the senior staff non-commissioned officers and officers in the battalion and we’ve really come to appreciate his steady, firm and fair leadership.”

AROUND THE CORPS

Kentucky native earns Silver Star

Story by Sgt. Alfred V. Lopez
1st Marine Division

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Matthew T. Woodall, a former sergeant and squad leader with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, was awarded the Silver Star Medal at the Camp San Mateo parade deck, Aug. 2.

Woodall, a native of Paducah, Ky., earned the nation’s third highest military award for valor for his actions in Helmand province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“I was doing my job, I don’t think I did anything different than anyone else would,” Woodall said. “But when you’re there, you’re really doing everything for your brothers on your left and on your right.”

A platoon-sized enemy force attacked Woodall and his Marines from several fortified positions during a security patrol mission in the Sangin district of Helmand, July 10 through 11, 2011. A Marine was wounded by gunfire directly in front of Woodall. Without hesitation, he exposed himself to a hail of enemy fire and shielded the Marine with his body while providing suppressive fire until a corpsman arrived.

“When you’re over there with these guys every day, it really becomes like a family,” Woodall said. “Your natural instinct is to protect your family. It was just the natural thing for me to do.”

Woodall ensured his wounded Marine was properly cared for before leading an assault on the nearest enemy compound. He directed his squad as they repelled repeated enemy assaults with light anti-armor weapons and small arms fire from their flank.

“We ran low on ammo at one point,” said Lance Cpl. Justin Lehn a rifleman serving with Bravo Co. “(Woodall) had our (squad automatic weapon gunners) break down their ammo drums to give more ammo to our riflemen.”

When the enemy pinned down a squad sent to reinforce Woodall’s men, Woodall led a counterattack



Sgt. Alfred V. Lopez | 1st Marine Division

Matthew T. Woodall, former sergeant and squad leader of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, stands at attention as the national anthem is played during an award ceremony at the Camp San Mateo parade deck, Aug. 2.

through multiple compounds to secure the reinforcement.

“He’s the kind of leader that all Marines strive to be,” said Cpl. Jalonn Rhim, an assistant squad automatic weapon gunner serving with Bravo Co. and native of Rochester, N.Y. “He was very cool under fire.”

Woodall then led his men as they crawled through a cornfield for more than an hour to ambush an enemy force after receiving reports of the enemy gathering for another attack. They took the enemy with the surprise of their withering fire and drove them out of the village after more than seven hours of intense combat.

“What we thought was going to be a normal day turned out to be one hell of a firefight,” said Lehn, a Long Island, N.Y., native. “Woodall kept directing us with orders and reassuring us with confidence to keep us pushing through.”

He kept himself collected during the firefight to keep his Marines from becoming nervous or scared,

he said.

“I always tried to remember that I’m in charge of these guys, so I wanted to lead by example,” Woodall said. “I always felt that if they saw me keeping my emotions under control, that they would try to emulate me.”

His daring actions ultimately defeated the enemy attack, killing four insurgents and wounding many others.

“I know that the citation that was read says my name on it, but I’m just an individual Marine,” Woodall said. “My squad was just amazing, and they are some of the best Marines I’ve met. They were brave every day. Sangin was a terrible place. Without them, I’m just one Marine.”

Woodall was honorably discharged from active duty service during December 2012. He currently attends the University of Eastern Kentucky and hopes to work for the Department of Homeland Security in the future to continue serving his country.

MERT: a possible option for expeditionary Marines, sailors

Cpl. Timothy Childers
1st Marine Logistics Group

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — As the Marine Corps transitions out of Afghanistan and returns to its amphibious roots, it is posturing itself to bolster the expeditionary nature of the Corps. This realignment will be felt throughout the planning process, including medical operations.

Sailors with 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, are currently focused on this objective. Commander Ronald L. Schoonover, Lt. Cmdr. John D. Moore and Lt. Cmdr. Daniel J. Trueba have put it upon themselves to find an option for upcoming challenges as the Marines focus their attention on Marine Expeditionary Units.

To find answers, the three officers embarked to England to observe the United Kingdom’s Medical Emergency Response Team in training from July 21 through 27.

“The MERT team was one of the primary (casualty evacuation) vehicles for the theater in Afghanistan since we’ve been deployed there,” said Moore, anesthesiologist, 1st Med. Battalion, 1st MLG. “They’ve been responsible for multiple casualty evacuations of Marines. They do primarily point of entry to up to Role-3 medical transfers with critically injured Marines, sailors, soldiers, (Afghan National Army) and multi-national personnel.”

A role-3 medical facility is the most capable medical facility in the Afghanistan theater, and is capable of providing surgery to the acutely injured. The MERT’s job is to provide stabilizing care or damage control resuscitation while casualties are in transit. The team consists of one doctor, a nurse, two paramedics and four force protection airmen.

“We had to go learn about what they do,” said Trueba, an emergency medicine

physician with 1st Med. Battalion, 1st MLG. “We don’t currently have that capability within the Marine Corps and Navy, to move our personnel from one spot to another. We went to learn from people who have been doing it since 2006. We wanted to tap into that experience as observers to see how things work,” added the Bountiful, Utah, native.

Since Operation Enduring Freedom began in 2001, the Marines have largely relied on teams like a MERT or U.S. Army Air Ambulance units. With the new transition, Marines and officers deployed with a MEU need to operate independently overseas. It is Schoonover, Moore and Trueba’s goal to implement a team similar to the MERT or train Navy corpsmen deploying aboard a MEU to have the same capability.

“The Marine Corps doesn’t have a defined medical platform with medical personnel on board,” said Moore, a native of Memphis, Tenn. “Our objective here was to explore options to implement more standardized courses of action for the Marine Corps to conduct casualty evacuation operations in an environment that is more kinetic and expeditionary in nature as opposed to a static and mature theater where you have assets like the MERT and (Dedicated Unhesitating Service To Our Fighting Forces) that are stationed with the Marines in country.”

Although the three officers do not want to copy the MERT, they wish to create a more flexible team that has the same capabilities of a MERT but can operate in almost any vehicle, whether that’s in the back of a CH-53E Sea Stallion or armored HMMWV, added Moore.

“The Marine Corps is saying that this needs to be developed,” said Trueba. “The 13th MEU is already starting to implement these things but I’m hoping since the 13th (MEU) started the process then the 11th MEU can move it even further, incrementing steps to developing this ability.”



Courtesy photo

Members of the United Kingdom Royal Airforce conduct Medical Emergency Response Team training at Brize Norton Royal Air Force Base, England, July 23.



Lance Cpl. Sullivan Laramie | 2nd Marine Logistics Group

Combat engineers with 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group gather concertina wire to be breached with explosives during a field exercise aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., July 29.

Rockets, bombs, armor: 8th ESB trains with 2nd Tracks

Lance Cpl. Sullivan Laramie
2nd Marine Logistics Group

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Marines with 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group trained newer members of the unit, as well as Marines with 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, in the basics of demolitions during a field operation, July 29 through 31.

The service members used expedient charges – bombs – which were made in the field using on-hand materials and C-4 explosives. Among the explosives employed were wall- and door-breaching charges, anti-personnel charges and obstacle-clearing Bangalore torpedoes.

“The Marines were getting hands-on training with the expedient demolitions,” said Sgt. Daniel B. Wiggins, a combat engineer with the battalion. “[They were learning] what goes into the explosives and how they’re made. They were very excited to get [hands-on training] because a lot of the Marines, especially from [2nd Tracks], don’t use explosives at all so it was a good experience for them.”

Following the demolition training, the Marines with 8th ESB and 2nd Tracks boarded several Assault Amphibious Vehicles and crossed the New River on their way to a range for a different type of explosive: rockets.

The service members were joined

by Marines with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd MARDIV and learned to fire Shoulder-launched Multipurpose Assault Weapons, or SMAWs.

“We fired about 65 rockets, which is unheard of around here,” said Cpl. Jacob H. Meese, a combat engineer with 8th ESB. “We got to get together and shoot the SMAWs, which I had never even seen before. It was really cool to fire a live rocket, and I’m sure I’ll never get to do that again.”

Several Marines expressed a desire for further cooperative exercises to expand knowledge among all units in case one is unavailable for a particular mission.

“We would like to do more joint operations with other units,” said Wiggins, a native of Zanesville, Ohio. “[Because of] the drawdowns in the Marine Corps, it’s kind of hard to use our own assets so we try to incorporate other units so everyone can get mixed training.”

The operation gave Marines an opportunity to share their expertise and understanding with others and build the skills of fellow service members.

“Some people don’t understand much at all about [demolitions],” said Meese, a Broken Arrow, Okla., native. “It’s really cool when people come up to you, ask about your [military occupational specialty] and they’re really interested. To you it’s normal, but to them it’s a whole new world.”

A CHANGE

for better or for worse

**Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg**
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

SHOALWATER BAY TRAINING AREA, Australia — The sun rose over the horizon as the villagers crept out of their tents. Slowly, they made their way into the forest toward the holy sanctuary where they received scripture from Hakuna Matata, the village's religious leader, and praised their "almighty one." Every morning began this way in the village of Waratah.

Waratah Village was a mock community designed to train service members how to establish a relationship with a population not accustomed to foreign aid.

Little happened in the isolated community located deep within the Shoalwater Bay Training Area. More than 40 citizens strolled around the village all day, half of them from second platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and the other half from different branches of the Australian Defence Force. Each citizen had a persona they were assigned and were required to commit to the role.

Every player wore special attire depending on their role. Role-players simulating female characters wore pink shirts, while players simulating children wore yellow shirts. Raggedy blue jumpsuits indicated those given the role to provide security as policemen. Those meant to cause harm to the village wore untucked, casual dress attire. As every citizen went about his or her day, the marketplace opened.

"8:30 a.m. everyday we open the market, and we trade whatever we have for whatever we can get," said Australian Army Lance Cpl. Michelle Pinnecamp, a 26-year-old marketplace vendor. "Supply runs to other villages are scarce, and we're running low on supplies. We must stick to our beliefs and hope someone comes along to help."

As citizens traded small items for various goods, a child attempted to steal a sandwich from one of the vendors. Several policemen pursued the boy as he attempted escape. The child was disciplined in the center of the marketplace to be made an example of for other criminals. After the disciplinary action, the vendors packed up their shops and citizens returned to their tents and continued the rest of their day.

The disciplined child visited the village doctor after noticing blood dripping from a gash above his right eye. Due to scarce supplies, the child was denied medical treatment.

"It's difficult to treat the sick and injured if I'm forced to turn away patients because I lack the supplies," said Australian Army Sgt. Chris Owen, a 34-year-old village doctor. "I'm becoming increasingly disgruntled that the police force and



Australian forces speak with the leaders of Waratah Village during Talisman Saber 2013, July 22. The Australian soldiers discovered the mock community, populated by U.S. and Australian role-players, during a patrol and began initial talks toward establishing a mutual relationship. Talisman Saber is a biennial exercise that enhances multilateral collaboration between U.S. and Australian forces in support of future combined operations, humanitarian assistance and natural disaster response.

the Camarians have promised to help us, but haven't so far."

The policemen were the guardians of the village yet reeked of corruption, and became more aggressive after the arrival of Camarians (Australian forces) in the area after discovering the village while on patrol.

The Camarians, an elite-looking force wearing spotted green uniforms, paint marks on their faces and carrying advanced weaponry, navigated their way into the Waratah Village.

"We've become agitated with the Camarian forces coming into our village," said U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Dan Wood, a 21-year-old policeman. "Even though they've only recently arrived, I feel like they're forcing their way of life on us."

The foreigners met with the mayor of Waratah and the religious leader to discuss the beginning of a mutual friendship. The mayor seemed accepting of the offer during the meeting with the liaison officer, but Hakuna Matata thought differently.

"The Camarians blocked off our supply route to the other villages, so of course I don't trust

them," said Australian Army Lance Cpl. Jim Jones, the 28-year-old religious leader. "The mayor is too trusting of them, but we'll see what happens with the Camarians and their false promises."

Meanwhile, another group of foreigners planned to attack the village, hiding in plain sight. They never got the opportunity.

"We blend in with the locals and do everything they do," said U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Zachary Shinavar, a 21-year-old insurgent. "We're very observant, watching everything that takes place within the village and looking for weaknesses. We're waiting for the best opportunity to strike against the Camarian forces."

The village leaders concluded their meeting with the Camarian forces and invited the foreigners back into the village for another meeting the following day. The liaison officer shook the mayor's hand and they parted ways.

As the Camarian forces left, children ran behind them in an attempt to grab pieces of their combat gear. The Camarians continued their patrol in the opposite direction of Waratah village as the sun began to set along the horizon.



Australian Army Pvt. Jenelle Fletcher, a 28-year-old soldier with 1 Military Police Battalion, talks with the citizens of Waratah Village as she posts security during Exercise Talisman Saber 2013, July 22.



LEFT: Australian Army soldiers and U.S. Marines, serving as the police force of a mock village, arrest several villagers who caused a fight in the community July 21. More than 40 U.S. Marines and Australians participated as role-players in Waratah Village, a simulated village designed to train service members to establish a successful relationship with a community not accustomed to foreign aid.

BELOW: Australian forces are escorted by the mayor of Waratah Village, (far left), to sit down for initial talks in hopes of reaching a mutual friendship during Exercise Talisman Saber 2013, July 22.



U.S. Marines and Australian soldiers acting as role-players in a mock village wait in line to be treated by the Waratah "village doctor" July 19. In the scenario, the doctor was often low on medical supplies and forced to turn away patients.



Australian Army Pvt. James Cerone, a rifleman with 7 Royal Australian Regiment, has his leg bandaged as a demonstration for properly treating a venomous snake bite July 20. Cerone played an "insurgent" in Waratah Village.



A clear sky filled with stars is displayed above the Waratah village where Marines and Australians trained during Exercise Talisman Saber 2013, July 18. The role-players spent their nights sitting around campfires and discussing their day with other villagers. More than 28,000 U.S. and Australian personnel participated in the exercise.



Cpl. Isis M. Ramirez | U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific
Col. Darric M. Knight and Col. Brent S. Willson, the current and former commanding officers of Headquarters and Service Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, stand side-by-side as they review the parade formation during the pass and review of the change of command ceremony at Bordelon Field, July 26.

Camp Smith bids farewell to battalion commander

Cpl. Isis M. Ramirez
U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii — Col. Darric M. Knight received command of Headquarters and Service Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, from Col. Brent S. Willson during a change of command ceremony at Bordelon Field, July 26.

Willson, who was known by the call sign “Quato,” arrived at Headquarters and Service Battalion in August 2011. At that time he inherited a battalion that inspectors classified as “non-mission capable.” Willson vividly recalled the immediate pressure and scrutiny he received from expectations to drastically improve the situation at the headquarters.

It wasn’t very long before MarForPac’s

top officers could see the meaning of his nickname unveil, a “Total Recall” movie reference of a creature with the knowledge to save the world. From improvements to the headquarters building built in 1939 to parking and pedestrian safety, Willson began radiating change upon his arrival.

“If you look at everything he does, it is pull-up bars down at Ford Island, all the way up to parking stalls,” said Brig. Gen. Richard Simcock, deputy commander of MarForPac. “It’s flag poles to fundraisers, it’s new signs ... and all the way down to brand new kitchens (for the Marines). I have seen him painting curbs, cleaning gutters, cleaning windows, policing the parking lot. You name it, he’s done it and he’s never asked his Marines to do

something he doesn’t do himself.”

No one was surprised when the battalion proved to be noteworthy in 22 functional areas, becoming the top-rated unit inspected in 2012.

“If I was to define Quato ... I would (define him as) a superior Marine officer, an officer who came in to work every day and before he would leave, ensured ... his Marines and sailors’ welfare was taken care of,” Simcock said. “All those leadership traits and principles (in the Marine Corps), he exuded every day.”

After two years of selfless service, Willson is happily leaving Hawaii to rejoin his family in San Diego and Knight has assumed responsibility of an almost-spotless battalion.

“Oftentimes, you want to assume a command that’s screwed up,” Knight

said jokingly as he thanked Willson for all of his contributions. “If anybody doesn’t know, you want to assume it screwed up because then whatever you do, you’re doing great things. I can’t say that here because Brent has done so well here, he’s done such great things. ... I thank you very much for setting us up for success.”

After receiving the battalion colors, Knight looked at Simcock and promised to do everything he can to keep the battalion on its upward spiral.

“That trust and confidence that is placed in me through the institution and through you, I deeply appreciate,” Knight said. “Thank you very much. My sword is yours. In two years’ time I pledge that I will either be carrying my shield or on top of it.”

RADIO MAN: AN ESSENTIAL ROLE ON THE BATTLEFIELD

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii — Lance Cpl. Austin Taylor, a Lake Wales, Fla., native and radio operator with Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, sits covered head to toe in “moon dust” that is billowing in and out of the safety vehicle he rides in. He diligently kept the radio phone to his ear, sending and receiving traffic from “Gladiator” main during a company-level live-fire mechanized assault as part of Exercise Lava Viper in the Pohakuloa Training Area, Hawaii, July 23. Lava Viper is a battalion-level combined-arms exercise designed to enhance the skills of the ground combat and support element Marines participating.

Cpl. Matthew Callahan | Hawaii Marine



PORTER, from A-1

kind of husband and father you should be,” said Robert Fredrick Porter II, Porter’s grandson. “I would just call to talk, from war to what it takes to be a good husband.

“He didn’t like to talk about the wars,” he added. “There were certain things you would want to know that only someone like him could answer. He would always answer. They don’t make soldiers like grandpa anymore.””

His family says he was a man of experience and wisdom, a member of the “greatest generation.” He moved forward, focusing his efforts to better those around him.

David recalls one instance where he witnessed his father yelling at some Marines for the first time, he remembers feeling shocked, it was so unlike him.

“You watch TV and you see the sergeant major as rough, at home he was gentle as a lamb,” David said. “If you talk to his Marines, though, they’d probably disagree with you. He never swore, just gentle as a lamb.”

Porter was married to his wife, Flora, for 60 years. Their marriage was destined to be on a long and turbulent road. Deployments kept them separated and “snail mail” kept them frustrated but patient.

Flora made it work. She kept her children busy and happy while they waited for their father to come home.

In Vietnam, the Marines rarely called the states. The most convenient way to reach their families was by radio, only speaking a few moments at a time.

One day a call came over the coms announcing that a Bob Porter had a massive heart attack. Come to find out, there were two Bob Porters — it wasn’t Flora’s husband.

“She is tough. She did not complain. Our household functioned, everything went on,” David said. “My dad knew



Cpl. Sarah Dietz | Hawaii Marine

Flora Porter, wife of the late retired Sgt. Maj. Robert F. Porter, receives a flag during his funeral service Aug. 2, at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

that my mom didn’t like it, he knew that it was hard on her but he also knew that’s what he wanted, he loved the Marine Corps. To my mom’s credit, she was there every step of the way.”

His Marines were his life. Leading Marines was more than a job to Porter — it was his passion.

The Porters moved duty stations many times. Typically, they traveled cross country in a station wagon, bags packed and car loaded. One time, Bob noticed a man with a sea bag slung over his shoulder walking along the road. He slammed on the breaks and took the Marine where he needed to go.

The example he made as a father, husband and Marine echoed throughout the two generations of his family who survive him.

He was an inspiration for his son David to be commissioned in the Navy and gave grandson Jason Bagwell his first salute in the Air Force.

When David was commissioned into the Navy, Porter swore him into the service alongside the commanding

officer of his Reserve Officer’s Training Corps unit. That moment in history is seared into David’s mind as one of the proudest memories of his father.

“Here I am in a pearly white uniform with nothing on it and this guy with campaign ribbons from WWII on and hash marks. I said, ‘Well dad, I guess you have to salute me now,’ and he said, ‘Son, I’d be proud to.’” he said.

Those moments are what Bob lived for. He didn’t live to be rich in a tangible way, he lived his life in a way that paid in love and loyalty.

After Porter’s retirement from 30 years of service, he worked another 35 years with Marine Corps Community Services, displaying his loyalty to the Corps outside the uniform.

Porter had a special spot in his heart for people. He believed people matter. He was known by his family and friends as a man who would give the shirt off his back if he could.

At age 86, his doctor told him to stop working because of his declining health. Porter had worked since he was 13 years old, it was a difficult adjustment for

him.

When Porter’s physical condition weakened, Robert remembers sitting around the kitchen table talking to his grandfather. He asked his grandfather if he was going to die and Porter replied, “Marines don’t die, they go to hell and regroup.”

“And he meant it,” Robert said. “Not the hell part, but he really meant it. The Marines back then were so proud. A Marine like him is way too big of a badass to let a heart problem stop him.”

One thing about Porter, which his age could never gain a firm grasp of, was his handshake.

“His grip was an iron grip,” David said. “If you shook his hand you better be ready because he still shook hands like a Marine when he was 80 years old.”

The day before Bob passed away, he shook hands with his nurse, who in turn had to shake his hand out because of the strength of his grip.

Porter is survived by his wife Flora, his three children, Loyd Porter, a head golf professional from San Diego, Debbie Bagwell, who lives in Kailua, Hawaii, and David. He also has five grandchildren and three triplet great granddaughters.

The small-town country boy from N.Y. impacted generation of people by sticking to his values. From being honest with a farmer, fighting for his country and impacting people around him; he stuck to his guns.

“I feel like he spent his whole life fighting for people who couldn’t fight for themselves. When he was retired he helped people who couldn’t help themselves, that’s how they bred them back then,” Robert said.

“Grandpa’s gone but I would like his name to live on and never be forgotten, his and men like him,” Robert added. “They are something special.”

ITX, from A-1

More than 1,400 Marines and sailors make up the ACE which continuously supports the GCE throughout the 29-day ITX evolution.

“Our primary mission here is to support the (ground combat element) in their Block IV (Predeployment Training Program),” said Lt. Col. Eric R. Olson, operations officer, MAG-24. “Squadrons and detachments from

the East Coast, West Coast, and Hawaii are seamlessly working together as one composite MAG, planning and executing complex, integrated missions in a challenging and austere training environment.”

This composite ACE is supporting 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment; 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines; and 2nd Battalion, 10th Marines, who are led by 8th Marines’ Regimental Headquarters.

“The deployment cycle is slowing down,” Forbes

said. “What we’re driving toward is a high level of aviation readiness at all times. So when we’re faced with a crisis like Hurricane Katrina or Operation Tomodachi, the Marine Air-Ground Task Force is right there, ready to go. This is what the Marine Corps is all about, we’re a crisis response force. Cultivating an expeditionary mindset, working toward continuous readiness. That’s what enables the Marine Corps to accomplish these missions.”

BATTAGLIA, from A-1

will be implemented throughout the different branches.

A current goal for the military is to train service members in cyber warfare, as Battaglia confirmed it’s a reality we could face in the coming years.

“Our goal is to prevent and deter conflicts throughout the world,” Battaglia stated. “We are currently enlisting

the help of civilians until our service members are properly trained in cyber technology. It’s something that’s important, and we need to get used to it.”

Aside from his billet, Battaglia is the senior staff noncommissioned officer of the U.S. armed forces. Some of his personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Combat V and one gold star, Purple Heart and Combat Action Ribbon.



Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg | Hawaii Marine

Sgt. Maj. Bryan B. Battaglia, the senior enlisted adviser to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, fields questions during a question and answer session with service members at the base theater aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Monday. Battaglia answered various questions discussing different topics, such as returning back to the basics, uniform changes and decreasing troop numbers within the Marine Corps.

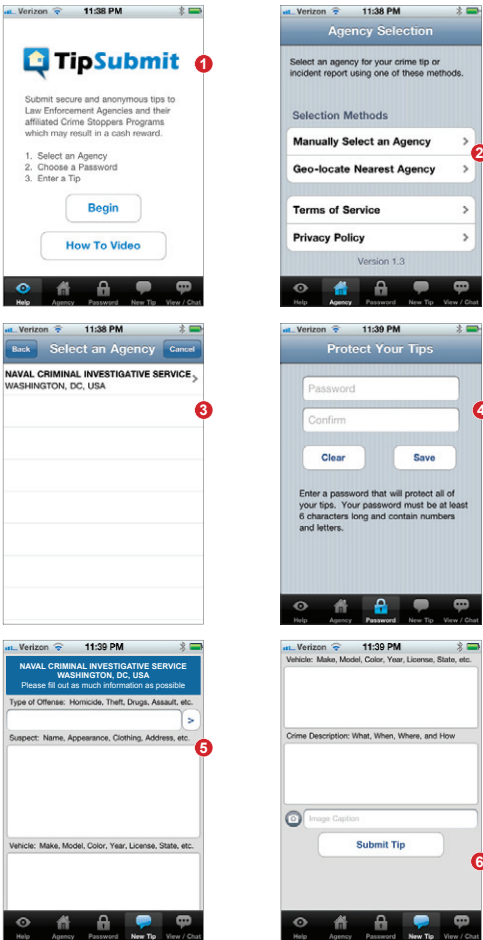


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Sports & Health



Patrol Squadron 4 defeats Installation Personnel Administration Center in close game, 30-28

Patrol Squadron 4 players pursue a player with Installation Personnel Administration Center during the 101 Days of Summer Flag Football Tournament championship game at Pollock Field, Monday. The squadron team defeated IPAC, 30-28.

**Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Suzanna Knotts**
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Patrol Squadron 4 won the 101 Days of Summer Flag Football Tournament by defeating Installation Personnel Administration Center in a close championship game at Pollock Field Monday, 30-28. The game could have gone to either team as VP-4 and IPAC were neck and neck throughout the night. The battle added to the suspense of the significant championship game. The game was an intense two halves, and points racked up quickly as the night wore on. The game was tied early, 6-6 in the beginning of the first half.

Both teams struggled with incomplete passes, but the defensive performances on each team were solid, making the game extremely competitive with pulled flags and many passionate words. Maleek Ferguson, corner and safety for the IPAC team, said the close game was heated. "The whole game had a good, up tempo," Ferguson said. "It just came down to the last team's possession taking the game, which was VP-4." With two minutes left in the first half, IPAC's quarterback threw two incomplete passes in the end zone. During VP-4's possession, the quarterback threw a Hail Mary pass on third down, which resulted in a touchdown. However, the two-point conversion was

unsuccessful since the IPAC defense pulled the VP-4 player's flag, ending the first half with the score 12-8. The IPAC team's beginning possession of the second half looked promising with successful plays down the field, alternating running and throwing the ball. Their quarterback ran the ball in for a touchdown, bringing his team in the lead, 16-12. The squadron's quarterback answered with a throw the length of the football field and his receiver caught the ball in the red zone. Their next play was a touchdown, 18-16, reclaiming the lead. With seven minutes left in the game, IPAC brought the score to 22-18, but VP-4 denied the two-point conversion. VP-4's quarterback ran the ball on third down and got his flag taken. IPAC then brought the game to 28-24 with approximately one minute left in the game, and the heat turned up. Flags flew and the competitive spirits were at an all-time high. A VP-4 player ran out of bounds after a complete pass to stop the clock at 38 seconds. The VP-4 team called their last time out after an IPAC player slapped the ball in the air, denying a possession. However, VP-4 completed its last play for a touchdown at the last second. The touchdown was controversial because IPAC players believed the runner's flag was taken. The referees didn't agree and called the game 30-28, with VP-4 winning the championship. Ferguson said regardless of his team's loss he was happy with their overall performance since most of them played injured. "We played well," Ferguson said. "We just need a little more practice. I'm definitely not ashamed of this loss. If we just work on team chemistry, we will be unstoppable."



LEFT: Maleek Ferguson (right), corner and safety for Installation Personnel Administration Center, runs the ball during the 101 Days of Summer Flag Football Tournament championship game against Patrol Squadron 4 at Pollock Field, Monday.

BELOW: Patrol Squadron 4 players face off with players from Installation Personnel Administration Center during the 101 Days of Summer Flag Football Tournament at Pollock Field, Monday. The teams were neck and neck throughout the night.





BRAGG



CHESS

Versus is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports and entertainment world. Hawaii Marine readers can submit a subject for future columns by emailing their ideas to HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com. If there’s a topic you would like to discuss/defend or if you think we missed the mark, let us know and you could see your “opinion,” regardless of how wrong it is, featured below. Suit up ladies ... it’s game time.

Is the ‘helmet rule’ ruining football?

Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg VS. Emily Chess

BRAGG: With the start of the 2013-14 National Football League season just around the corner, some fans are speculating it is the end of the NFL as we know it. Earlier this year, the NFL made changes in the rulebook that were backed by many of the sport’s fans. But one rule struck fear and doubt into many hearts. The “helmet rule,” added to increase player safety throughout the league, will penalize any player using the crown of his helmet to strike an opponent in order to gain an advantage on the playing field. Players who violate the “helmet rule” will cost their team a 15-yard penalty. The NFL fan base has concluded this move is sure to end the stop-and-go action sport as we know it, and I agree. Players have enough gear to protect themselves on the field, and the top-of-the-line helmets are fully padded to ensure player safety. Penalizing a player and a team for being aggressive is not the way to approach the situation by any means whatsoever.

CHESS: True, football gear has improved over the years, but player safety is still a top priority. This new rule will not ruin the game as some may think. The rule is being put into effect to make the game less dangerous for the players. Today, football players are bigger and faster than they have been in

the past and collisions will be more dangerous. The NFL is just trying to prevent stress in any form due to rough helmet contact. The rule is in place to protect players by reducing the risk of head injuries. As long as players use less brutal forms of tackling, the game won’t be changed as much as some fans believe it will.

BRAGG: Concussions are likely to happen regardless of the rules you implement. Concussions don’t just occur from head-to-head contact; they can also be developed through body contact. Like I said earlier, the players have top-of-the-line gear to protect them from injury. This is the NFL trying to micromanage how players play. The rule penalizes players for trying to take advantage of the playing field and is not the way to go. The addition of the new helmet rule won’t necessarily make the sport safer, but it will make it more boring. The NFL just needs to reassess this decision and give the people what they want — the good ole American football they grew up loving. Are there better ways to help reduce concussions? Yes, there are. Is this the right approach to doing so? I think not.

CHESS: The players will still be encouraged to take advantage of the playing field, they just can’t attack

each other with their top-notch gear. I think changes in coaching need to happen. Coaches should teach proper, good sportsmanlike tackling techniques to players in order to preserve the action in the game without putting players in danger. If these techniques are taught and utilized, the game can still be action-packed for the fans. Until this takes place, rules like this need to be put into effect. The NFL isn’t going to turn into a flag football league because of this rule. I think people are freaking out over the helmet rule and forgetting that players are still able to tackle one another in other ways the league does allow. This one limitation won’t make the game boring.

BRAGG: I like your rebuttal regarding teaching new techniques and plays to players to help retain the action-packed thrill fans want. However, the problem comes down to the player. Coaches can preach all they want to their players, and players may adjust their tackling style for a few games. But sooner or later they will revert back to old tackling habits because, when it comes down to it, the player on the field is in control, not the coach. The “helmet rule” is a blatant excuse for the NFL to avoid liability for an act they believe is unsafe. The only thing the rule does is add more time between plays and

further try the audience’s patience. The NFL should just get rid of the stupid rule, because at the end of the day the fans want to watch the sport they know and love.

CHESS: You make a good point about players returning to their old habits, and coaches being unable to control every player’s actions on the field. The NFL did not create this rule to penalize teams for making certain plays. The new rule is in play because officials want to keep players safe on the field. Football players may look tough and indestructible in their gear, but they are still prone to injury. When you think about it, the time it takes to treat the badly hurt player is longer than time that will be added between plays because of the “helmet rule.” I think this new ruling will be a difficult adjustment for players and coaches at first, but it will not make such a big impact on true football fans. Just because players are unable to execute this one move does not mean the end of the game as we know it. Fans can still experience football for the aggressive, fast-paced game it is. The game with the rule will be the same for fans front of a TV with friends or with an energized crowd of thousands at a stadium. I’m still excited for football and to see what my favorite teams have in store this season.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS BRIEFS

First Tee of Hawaii offers golf lessons

The First Tee of Hawaii is offering its program free of charge to children of active duty service members, reservists and National Guardsmen, starting Sunday at the Bay View Golf Driving Range on Kaneohe Bay Drive at 11 a.m. Children ages 7 to 18 are eligible. The program teaches valuable life skills through the game of golf. For more information, visit <http://www.thefirstteehawaii.org>, email kwz711@hawaii.rr.com or call 478-3466.

Register for 101 Days of Summer Softball Tournament

The 101 Days of Summer Softball Tournament is scheduled from Aug. 19 through 28, and takes place at Annex Field in the evenings starting at 5 p.m. The

deadline for registration is Aug 16. Participants can earn points for their unit. Contact Quentin Redmon at Quentin.Redmon@usmc-mccs.org, or call the Substance Abuse Counseling Center at 257-8377 for more information.

Help the Windward Half Marathon and 5K

Volunteers are needed for the 2013 Windward Half Marathon and 5K, Sept. 8 at 8 a.m., starting at Kailua Elementary School. The Windward Half Marathon started in 1980 to build relations between Kailua residents and Marines at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Today the race includes runners from Kailua, MCB Hawaii, the neighbor islands, the continental U.S., Japan and Australia.

Those interested in volunteering should

contact Maureen Purington at 263-0555. For more information on the race, visit <http://beta.active.com/kailua-hi/running/32nd-windward-half-marathon-5k-and-keiki-race-2013>.

Join Hawaii Walk to Defeat ALS

The Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association Golden West Chapter is seeking volunteers for the 2013 Hawaii Walk to Defeat ALS, Sept. 21 at Kapiolani Regional Park at 11 a.m.

For unknown reasons, people who have served in the military are twice as likely to die from ALS or Lou Gehrig’s Disease as those in the general population. For more information about volunteering, contact Victoria “Nohea” Nakaahiki at hawaiiwalk@alsgoldenwest.org or 523-2500 ext. 755. For additional information, visit <http://www.walktodefeatsls.org>.



Master Gunnery Sgt. Mark Gleason, bandmaster, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, recently bowled his first perfect game while playing with the Friends of K-Bay League, July 23.

Semper Ten Split

Musical Marine knocks out tunes, bowling pins

Story and photos by Kristen Wong

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Master Gunnery Sgt. Mark Gleason knelt on the wooden floor after releasing his last ball toward the 10 white pins at the end of the lane. As fellow bowlers looked on, all 10 pins fell, earning his first 300 — a perfect game.

“He actually rolled on his back (like a cockroach,” said Elden Doi, the manager of K-Bay Lanes.

For many Marines, a “300” score on the physical fitness test is perfection. For Gleason, “300” also happens to be perfection in his beloved hobby — bowling.

The bandmaster of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band bowled his first perfect game after more than 20 years while playing with the Friends of K-Bay Lanes Mixed Handicap Bowling League last month.

“It was a sense of relief,” Gleason said. “I’ve been trying for so long, (I felt) that sense of accomplishment and it was a lot of fun seeing the reaction of all my friends and other bowlers who were happy for me.”

Gunnery Sgt. Brad Rehrig, the drum major for the MarForPac Band, who has bowled with Gleason various times, said he was happy for him.

“He may have rolled a 300, but he hasn’t beaten my high series yet,” said Rehrig, of Leighton, Pa. “Keep practicing Master Guns, one day you will beat me.”

Although he has had help along the way, Gleason said he never took formal bowling lessons. A native of Westminster, Colo., Gleason grew up accompanying his parents to various bowling tournaments. At the end of the events, Gleason’s parents would let him bowl a few times.

“It was just fun trying to throw it like (my parents) and the other people in the bowling alley who were really good,” Gleason said.

Gleason saw the Marine Corps as an opportunity to pursue a career in music, enlisting in 1987. He was first assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii in 2006, then returned in 2011.

Gleason has traveled the world, sharing his love for music with the Corps, but also his love for bowling.

No matter where he was stationed, Gleason continued to bowl, and by the age of 20 he began competing in bowling. His competitive spirit began as early as high school, when he played basketball and baseball, enjoying the adrenaline rush that comes with competition.

“Bowling allows me to be competitive which I truly enjoy,” Gleason said.

While serving at MCB Hawaii, Gleason bowled in the Hawaii All-Military tournament for four years, most recently bowling a combined score of 4,499.

“Every year he’s a delight to have,” said Millie L. Gomes, tournament director of the HAM. “(Gleason is) always positive no matter what the scores are.”

Rehrig remarked that even though he and Gleason are both competitive and have even bowled on rival teams, they both still help each other with pointers.

Gleason competed in several 101 Days of Summer Bowling Tournaments, with the MarForPac Band team and played on the All-Marine Bowling Team twice, which he considered an honor.

Doi described Gleason as “honorable,” because he is “down to Earth” and humble despite being talented.

“I think before Master Guns retires, he should be able to get a sanctioned 800 series,” Doi said.

Like a perfect 300-point game, an 800 series is also recognized as a bowling achievement, although Gleason is more focused on winning the HAM tournament before retiring.

Although he is not sure what he will do after retiring, Gleason will take away many memories of the Corps. Looking back, he said he found his time serving as a drill instructor most rewarding because he was able to nurture new recruits and watch their development in a three-month period.

While in the Corps, Gleason also visited two historical Marine Corps battle-grounds, Belleau Wood and Iwo Jima.

“To walk in the footsteps of those who came before us is pretty incredible,” Gleason said.

Gleason currently bowls three days a week, as much as three hours each day, usually participating with a league. He also enjoys hiking, running and surfing.

Through bowling he has built camaraderie with many Hawaii residents, bowling with them in the Friends of K-Bay League.

“Mark is a very dedicated bowler and enjoys himself,” said Leo Oller, a lead analyst at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 and secretary and treasurer of the Friends of K-Bay Mixed Handicap Bowling League. “His personality when bowling is social, however, when he approaches the lane, it becomes all business.”

Gleason requested MCB Hawaii as his last duty station as he and his wife plan to settle permanently on the islands.

“I love the weather, the scenery, and I think the people, I like most of all,” he said. “I’ve grown to love the friendships and just the hospitality that the locals have shown toward me.”

Master Gunnery Sgt. Mark Gleason, bandmaster, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band performs as a special exhibition bowler at K-Bay Lanes during the first anniversary of the bowling alley’s renovation, Oct. 26, 2011.

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER BRIEFS

Clean up, rock out during ‘Rockaako’

Join Sustainable Coastlines Hawaii for their beach cleanup and concert at the inaugural “Rockaako: Clean Your Space and Rock the Place” scheduled for Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m at the Kakaako Waterfront in Honolulu. Attendance is free. For more information, email aloha@undermyumbrella.com.

Register for Operation Hooah Joint Spouses’ Conference 2013

Registration for “Operation Hooah,” the 2013 Joint Spouses’ Conference, will be available Monday, 7 p.m. at <http://www.jschawaii.com>. This year, the conference will be held at Schofield Barracks, Oct. 5. This year’s JSC offers a wide variety of workshops and adventure-driven activities, a guest speaker, information expo, food, and a wrap-up party. Some workshops include a hands-on Thai cooking experience, stand up paddling and ocean kayaking. Attendees must be pre-registered to attend the conference, and spots fill up quickly. Visit the Joint Spouses’ Conference 2013 Facebook page for frequent updates on new workshops and conference details.

Marine Corps Family Team Building relocated

Marine Corps Family Team Building is now located in Bldg. 244 at the base theater. If you need to reach Readiness and Deployment Support, the Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills or LifeSkills programs, call 257-7787.

Relocation Assistance Program relocated

Relocation Assistance Program and the Lending Locker are now located in building 140 (1st and E Streets across from building 279). The new phone number is 254-7681.

Look to the skies for ‘Stargazing at the Zoo’

Take an after-hours education tour of the Honolulu Zoo with a planetarium presentation from the University of Hawaii’s Institute of Astronomy. The next tour is scheduled Aug. 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments, constellation crafts and telescope viewing scheduled. There is an admission fee for the monthly tour, and reservations are recommended. For more information, visit <http://honoluluzoo.org>.

Andrew Rose Gallery presents ‘On Paper II’

Andrew Rose Gallery is proud to present “On Paper II,” showcasing a majority of the gallery’s recently expanded roster of artists and the various ways they explore different media on paper. The exhibit runs through Sept. 27. The gallery will also be Sept. 6, from 5 to 9 pm., for First Fridays. All public events are free. The gallery is located in Pauahi Tower on Bishop Street. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. Call 599-4400 or email info@andrewrosegallery.com.

Savor a bite of history at the 11th annual Wahiawa Pineapple Festival

Come out Aug. 17 to honor the community’s history as the “Pineapple Capitol” at Wahiawa District Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For early birds, see the parade start at 9 a.m. at California Avenue, featuring the Royal Hawaiian Band. Fresh produce and crafts will also be for sale. The Wahiawa Jazz Festival will also begin at 2 p.m. with a free concert playing after the parade. For more information, see <http://www.wahiwapinefest.com/>.

Tour the Living Art Marine Center

See the Pacific fish and aquatic wildlife right near Honolulu International Airport in a hands-on 90-minute guided tour scheduled Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. Craft your own fishy souvenir jewelry boxes or T-shirts. Discounted admission for military. For more information, visit <http://livingartmarinecenter.com/>.

Base theater adds new showtimes

Due to popular demand, the base theater has added new showtimes, effective Sept. 6. The new showtimes include Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 6:30 and 9:15 p.m., and Sunday at 2 and 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the theater at 254-7642.

Public invited to YWCA of Oahu’s Kokokahi Community Fair

Save the date for the YWCA of Oahu’s Kokokahi Community Fair, scheduled for Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This free event will include food trucks, live entertainment including band Holunape, a keiki fun zone with inflatables and slides, and cultural activities. On-site and satellite parking will be available as well as shuttles. Contact Wendy Chang at wchang@ywcaoahu.org or call 695-2620 for more information.

Enjoy a day at the Honolulu Polo Club

Top players duke it out in Waimanalo each Sunday through the polo season ending Oct. 27. Free admission to service members and their families upon showing military ID. The field is 41-1062 Kalaniana’ole Hwy. Gates open at 1 p.m., matches begin at 3 p.m. For details, see <http://www.honolulupolo.com/>.

Kokua Hawaii Foundation seeks volunteers

Kokua Hawaii Foundation is currently recruiting volunteers to join its AINA In Schools (Actively Integrating Nutrition and Agriculture In Schools) docent teams for our partnering schools for the 2013-2014 school year. The opportunity is a school year-long commitment. The intent of the program is to connect children to their land, waters and food to grow a healthier future for Hawaii. No experience is necessary. The foundation will train volunteers to teach nutrition lessons for grades 2 and 6, or garden lessons for kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 4 or 5.

Docent teams will teach these hands-on, cross curricular, standards-based lessons one day a month. Interested volunteers must be able to attend the first of four quarterly trainings in August and September for the component they are interested in (Gardens or Nutrition) and commit to a docent team from August 2013 to May 2014. For more information, email volunteer@kokuahawaiifoundation.org.

Environmental Department seeks weed warriors

Join community volunteers and the staff of the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. to remove weeds from native fish and wildlife wetland habitats at Marine Corps Training Area Bellows. See up-close and learn about native plants and birds.

Meet at the entrance of Marine Corps Training Area Bellows at 8:15 a.m.; where you will meet with Environmental personnel to the work site. The base will provide cotton gloves and tools. The department recommends bringing water and sunscreen. Come dressed in old clothes and closed-toe shoes. Be advised that you will get wet and muddy. Letters of appreciation will be issued to all active duty service members who volunteer.

For more information, call Lance Bookless at 257-7000 or email lance.bookless1@usmc.mil. Inquiries may also be directed to Todd Russell at 216-7135 or Krista Read at 257-7129.

MARINE MAKEPONO
Means ‘Marine Bargains’ in Hawaiian

Kaneohe studio apartment for rent. Large deck with ocean view of Chinaman’s Hat and Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Includes custom bathroom with hot tub/shower, covered parking, refrigerator and sink with disposal. No smoking or barbecuing. \$1,300. For more information, call 239-5459.

Multiple pairs of dance shoes for sale. Selling gently used shoes with slick suede bottom soles. Shoes come in the colors red, cream, black, white or bronze with various style straps. In medium or wide widths, in sizes 8.5 to 9. Purchased at \$40 per pair, but will take best offers. For details, call 257-8837.

If you would like to sell, buy or trade something in the Marine Makepono section of the Hawaii Marine, fill out a form at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office in building 216, room 19. Please have your military ID and a short write-up of what you’d like to run. You can fill out the form on the spot or return it to the office later. Emails, faxes and telephone calls are not accepted for Makepono classified ads. Marine Makepono may only be used by active duty, reserve, retirees or their immediate families.

Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

'Island Warriors'

Motorcycle Mentor Program meets the Honolulu Police Department Solo Riders

Police Officer Joel Warkentin Jr., a motorcycle police officer with Honolulu Police Department demonstrates riding techniques for Marines in the Motorcycle Mentor Program of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, Aug. 2



Story and photos by
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Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment's Motorcycle Mentor Program worked together with the Honolulu Police Department Solo Riders to discuss the importance of safety regarding their mutual interest in two wheels at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii airfield, Aug. 2.

The HPD Solo Riders, 25 bikes strong, is the motorcycle force of the department's traffic division. They are responsible for facilitating the flow of traffic, mainly during peak morning and afternoon hours. The motorcycle officers also escort dignitaries in large events like parades.

Police Officer Joel Warkentin Jr., a motorcycle police officer with HPD who has been riding for approximately 25 years, said the officers in his force conduct, a one-month initial training to become a rider, but their training is continuous.

"The learning never stops on our motorcycles," Warkentin said. "And the more seat time a person has, the more comfortable they will get with riding."

The motorcycle enthusiasts at the event were treated to perfect riding weather.

Lance Cpl. Ryan Harrison, a rifleman with 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines, and owner of a Yamaha R6 sport bike, said the brief with the officers was informative.

"I learned that these officers don't take speeding lightly," said Harrison,



Police Officer Joel Warkentin Jr., a motorcycle police officer with Honolulu Police Department, shows his patrolling BMW motorcycle to Marines from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment's Motorcycle Mentor Program at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii airfield, Aug. 2.

a native of Orlando, Fla. "It was good to find out what is legal in this state for motorcycles as far as modifications."

Warkentin told the Marines the worst time to ride is rush hour traffic because more cars on the road means less safe conditions for motorcyclists.

The officers showed the Marines some tricks like weaving through cones and how to pick up a fallen motorcycle, which can be difficult considering the weight.

Police Officer Robert Phillips, a sergeant of traffic division, Solo Bike Detail, said the Marines should utilize tools they have learned and apply it to everyday riding.

"If riders use training in situations and increase their awareness, they will lessen the chances of something happening while riding," Phillips said. "Automatic responses come with training, which puts the percentages in your favor."

Both officers discussed the importance

of paying attention to other vehicles and how motorcyclists should always have an escape

route. Riders shouldn't let themselves get boxed in by other cars or ride behind trucks, since truck drivers can't see you.

The Marines learned what is legal, like riding without a helmet, and what is illegal in Hawaii.

"It may be legal to split lanes in California, but here it's illegal," Warkentin said.

The laws of riding might vary from state to state, but Marines are held to a universal standard of wearing proper protective equipment at all times when operating a motorcycle.

Motorcyclists also need to learn how to deal with any type of weather condition, since Hawaii weather can change so quickly.

"Don't ride in the middle of the road, especially when it's raining," Phillips said. "The oil in the road becomes dangerous, causing slick conditions. Riders should increase following speed and awareness."

The officers told the Marines to utilize the airfield to train since it's a great area to practice skills.

"You guys have a great opportunity with this area to work on anything, like turning," Warkentin said. "One way is setting up cones in a tight circle and practice counter steering. Maybe you'll never need to turn that tightly, but being able to can possibly get you out of a dangerous situation."



A motorcycle police officer with Honolulu Police Department, shows Marines from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment's Motorcycle Mentor Program how to pick up a fallen motorcycle after discussing the importance of motorcycle safety at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii airfield, Aug. 2.

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REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your No. 1 source for cinema, music, video game, book and product reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game, product or book great. So be sure to take advantage of the Better Know A Critic section, which spotlights this week’s critics to better help you choose the critic with opinions most like your own. Using our breakthrough four-point scale system, you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn’t, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you’re not familiar, here’s a quick breakdown of the ratings ...


1/4 — No Impact, No Idea

Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.




2/4 — High And To The Right

Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if there’s nothing better to do.



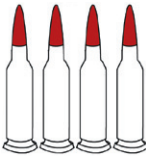
3/4 — On Target

Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.




4/4 — Confirmed Kill

Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.



So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, the Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm, feel free to submit your own reviews.


Better Know A Critic



CALLAHAN

Cpl. Matthew A. Callahan

knows that a good video game is about a lot more than good graphics and stellar physics engines. A phenomenal game encompasses an excellent plot, tight game play, and outstanding sound all used in support of rendering an immersive atmosphere that creates a lasting impression on him.



KNAPKE

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke

enjoys watching movies that are original. His favorite kind of movie always has him guessing what’s going to happen next. If it’s a true story, Knapke thinks it makes the story much more believable and interesting.

The macro army returns in ‘Pikmin 3’

Cpl. Matthew Callahan
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

I boxed up many of my fond memories of the Nintendo heyday at about the time the century old company released the Wii. Wii was sort of a mixed bag of casual gamer pandering and lackluster technology that frustrated a lot of players including myself, and a lot of the beloved intellectual properties Nintendo had were sort of water-boarded in gimmick oil in the process. Nintendo does that a lot.

Though the Nintendo Wii U, the newest console by the company, has had a pretty atrocious lineup of games upon its release, there is one gem as of late that may just bring back the little malevolent 13-year-old in all of us — “Pikmin 3.”

Released originally on the Game Cube, “Pikmin” aspired to be the most ferocious and simultaneously adorable combat and puzzle solving game I think I have ever seen.

With the third iteration of the franchise on the Wii U, we return to maybe-possibly-earth called PNF 404, a dangerous but lush planet littered with the trash of civilization long gone (humans?).

You play as three one inch-tall astronauts (Alph, Brittany and the machismo captain Charlie) tasked by the people of planet Koppai to acquire enough fruit to alleviate their resource deficiency crisis.

The gameplay is measured in days, which last about 15 minutes, stressing the efficiency factor.



Most importantly, the game maintains its classic pikmin feel and mechanics, requiring you to grow and pluck the little leaf creatures from the ground and amass an army capable of harvesting resources and taking the fight to the games ridiculously diverse pool of monsters.

Various colored pikmin still offer different advantages, and the individual attribute system is just as paramount as the previous titles in efficiently accomplishing tasks. Blue Pikmin, for example, are immune to water, whereas every other pikmin will drown horribly if you don’t scramble to rescue them; their little ghosts flying to the heavens. Even in death, these things are hilariously cute.

There is the addition of rock pikmin and flying pikmin, which creates both advantages and disadvantages gameplay-wise, and also in the nature of previous iterations of the game.

“Pikmin 3,” despite looking like something resembling a game for early childhood development, really unleashes the tactician in the player. Over and over again I found myself cursing at how horribly I performed in a given day and how many pikmin I had lost. One boss battle of particular note might bring you “Star Wars” fans a bit of nostalgia; you basically fight a sarlac pit monster who won’t hesitate to devour

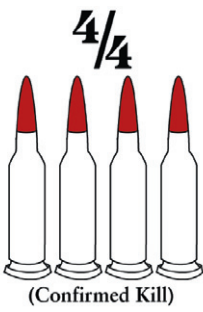
your army like a can of spinach if you’re not careful.

And oh, man is it pretty!

Being an inch tall spaceman in command of 100 smaller leafy combatants, regular things should seem gargantuan in size, and they absolutely do. Some great improvements in graphics and camera techniques in-game give everything an insane shallow depth of field and great bloom effect lighting. I marveled at the sheer size of everything around me and how small I was. Enemies and set pieces have a very tangible visual aesthetic (especially the fruit), and the level design is both sporadic and dreamy. The musical score brings everything together seamlessly with a heavy emphasis on marimba and other like instruments.

Multiplayer is back with “Pikmin 3,” as well, offering cooperative missions like boss fights, treasure collecting and enemy fighting time attacks. There is also bingo battle, a head to head game that pits two people against each other to see who can collect certain items to connect four on a bingo board. I played it with a few friends and we lost three hours in about 10 minutes, or so we thought.

“Pikmin 3,” to me, proves the Wii U was the console Nintendo had intended its fans to play on. If they can crank out a few more titles with as much polish and flat-out fun gameplay like “Pikmin,” I have no doubt the dry spell is over. Welcome back, guys.



‘2 Guns’ and one cliché movie

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

As I see movies often in the theater, I have grown to love watching the previews to see what movies are coming in the future. When waiting for the “Wolverine” to play I saw the preview for “2 Guns.” After the preview finished I can recall thinking that the movie looks exactly like every other action, thriller and shoot-em-up movie I’ve seen. Regardless of how generic it was or looked, Denzel Washington and Mark



Wahlberg were staring in the film, two of my favorite actors, so I knew I had to see it.

Unfortunately, I soon realized the choice of actors was the only entertaining part of the movie.

In the midst of all the shooting and explosions, the unexpected perfect-partnered pair of Bobby Trench (Washington) and Stig (Wahlberg) always seemed to find a way to make a joke out of the worst situations. They played as smugglers, bank robbers and con artists who got involved in a bad deal with a Mexican drug lord “Papi” Greco (Edward Olmos).

Both of them are undercover but don’t tell each other. I asked myself if they are so smart, how didn’t they figure it out until several

months later? They rob a bank and think that the other is just another criminal they can pin the robbery on. Washington and Wahlberg both find out shortly after the heist that they robbed a bank with someone they didn’t really know.

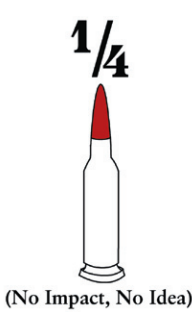
Each of the government organizations they are involved with will turn on them putting Bobby and Stig in a very difficult and sticky situation. A huge sum of money they stole from the bank belonged to powerful people they didn’t realize. There are three groups of people that turn on each other in order to get their share of the money.

That sets up the ending scene for the film. Booby and Stig have to find the money they stole and somehow please two powerful government agencies and the cartel they thought the money originally belonged too.

I can promise you that after the film is finished you won’t think ‘wow, my life has changed after seeing this,’ but it is definitely entertaining to say the least. I would urge you not to bring your family to “2 Guns.” The nudity in the movie will have any mother covering her children’s eyes.

I’m still disappointed to say that nothing has changed from watching the preview a week before to after I saw the film. I still love Washington and Wahlberg as actors, I just wish they had been together in a different film.

“2 Guns” is rated R with a running time of 109 minutes and is in theaters now.





Prices: All shows are \$3.25 for adults and \$2.25 for children. For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call **254-7642** for recorded information.



“Pacific Rim” PG-13

Today | 7:15 p.m.

“The Heat” R

Today | 9:45 p.m.

“Despicable Me 2” PG

Saturday | 7:15 p.m.

“Grown Ups 2” PG-13

Saturday | 9:45 p.m.

“Monster University”(in 3D) G

Sunday | 2 p.m.

“World War Z” PG-13

Sunday | 6:30 p.m.

“Pacific Rim”(in 3D) PG-13

Wednesday 6:30 | p.m.



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Duncan Buchanan, a volunteer youth football coach for the Mighty Mites’ division Patriots team, offers words of encouragement to his players during practice, Aug. 5.

Patriots: First all-military children football, cheerleading team on Oahu

Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

More than 100 boys and girls gathered at Landing Zone Eagle, across the street from Fort Hase Beach, to practice for their first game of the football and cheerleading season with Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc., a nonprofit youth football and cheer program.

This is the first year Marine Corps Base Hawaii is participating in the program. With a very American team name, the Patriots, they are the only military-based Pop Warner team on island. The season began Aug. 1, with practices and conditioning training.

“We did surveys,” said volunteer Tim Craig. “We wanted to make sure we’d have enough kids to play. We had a lot of interest so we had to request to do a military children based team.”

Pop Warner has programs in more than 42 states and several countries, making it the largest youth football and cheerleading program in the world, consisting of approximately 425,000 children ages 5 to 16.

The boys and girls were split into

age groups around the field. The boys played on one side of the field, the girls on the other. Parents were scattered along the field in lawn chairs watching their children practice.

There are four different age divisions in the program: Tiny-Mites, ages 5 to 7, Mighty-Mites, ages 7 to 9, Pee Wees, ages 9 to 11 and Midgets for ages 12 to 15. The season will end in November except for Midget division players, who will travel to Florida in December to compete for the national championship.

The Patriots will play other teams around the island throughout the season. On Aug. 24, Aloha Stadium in Honolulu will host a Tiny-Mites division game.

Each age group has numerous volunteer coaches. Coaches include parents and active-duty Marines and sailors. Volunteers can help with funds, teaching athletics and mentoring the children.

“We can always use volunteers,” Craig said. “We (now) have seven board directors and 35 to 40 cheer and football volunteers.”

For information on volunteering visit <http://www.patriotsnation.us>.



Cheer coach Allison Devris, coaches one of her cheerleaders on technique during cheerleading practice at Landing Zone Eagle across from Fort Hase Beach, Aug. 5.